FIELD SANITATION TEAM CERTIFICATION COURSE

LESSON 2 - THE MEDICAL THREAT TO FIELD FORCES AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE MEASURES

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Terminal Learning Objective

- ***Given classroom instruction, FM 21-10, and FM 21-10-1, utilize the appropriate preventive medicine measures to overcome medical threats to field forces IAW FM 21-10 and FM 21-10-1.***

Lesson Objectives

- Identify medical threats to field forces.
- Identify circumstances under which a soldier, in the field setting, would not practice proper personal hygiene.
- Identify the field sanitation team's role as they pertain to sanitation and preventive medicine measures.

Medical Threat to Field Forces

- 4 major medical threats
- 3 minor medical threats

Four Major Medical Threats- Heat

- Heat is the most lethal of all the factors working against field forces.

Four Major Medical Threats- Cold

- Cold is incapacitating on the battlefield.

Four Major Medical Threats-Arthropods

- *Arthropod-borne illness can adversely affect military operations.*

Four Major Medical Threats- Diarrhea

- *Diarrheal disease can have a catastrophic impact on the fighting force.*

Three Minor Medical Threats - TIMS

- Health hazards from toxic industrial materials (TIMS) are more prevalent as countries become more industrialized.

Three Minor Medical Threats - Noise

- Noise is a constant threat in military operations.

Three Minor Medical Threats - Animal Pests

- Many animals are carriers of disease.

Poor Personal Hygiene

- *In unfamiliar environments, soldiers may abandon their personal hygiene standards.*

The Environment

- *A soldier's mental and physical reactions to the environment play a key role in overall health.*

3 Principles of PMM

Apply these principles to ensure success of your unit's mission:

- ***Individual soldiers** are responsible for putting individual PMM into practice.*
- ***Commanders** are responsible for implementing and enforcing PMM.*
- ***FST members** are responsible for advising the commander and training the unit's soldiers in appropriate PMM.*

SUMMARY